

GOD'S LITTLE ONES.

Jesus Takes One of Them as the Text of a Wonderful Sermon.

Discourse by the "Highway and Byway" Preacher on the Divine Thought for Children and the Responsibility of Adults Towards Them.

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Text: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven." Matt. 18:10. Read Matt. 18:1-14.

The Dispute Beside the Way.—Mark tells us that the disciples had been engaged in such a spirited and lengthy discussion among themselves while they were journeying with their Lord to Capernaum that it had attracted His attention. With that marvelous, Divine patience which Jesus always displays towards His erring, self-seeking disciples, He wisely forbears breaking into the discussion, but waits until Peter, and James and John, and Andrew, and the rest have exhausted their arguments, and when they are come into the house, in His quiet, searching way, He asks them: "What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?" A shamefaced confession on their part follows. Instead of talking with their Lord by the way, they had talked "among themselves," and as a result became involved in a useless and silly discussion. They realize now how the time had been worse than wasted. How often is it so among the disciples of Jesus Christ. Their way, their methods, their ideas, their position in the work of the Lord, as they suppose, so occupies their attention that they forget all about the Lord who is patiently and silently walking beside them, and instead of turning to Him for light and help they excitedly argue with one another until the precious, dying souls all about them are forgotten and all the light and joy of Christian service are driven away. Then it is that Jesus comes and gently seeks from us a confession and longs to teach us the supreme lesson of Christian service and true greatness.

A Little Child in Their Midst.—With that impressive and solemn silence which the soul feels when it has confessed its fault to the Lord and awaits the learning of the lesson which His loving wisdom always drives home if the soul is submissive and teachable, Jesus turns from the group of now silent disciples, and, calling a little child unto Him, sets him in the midst of them. Here is his text. A little one to illustrate Divine truth. A little one in the Master's arms helping Him speak some of the profoundest principles upon which His Kingdom was to be established. Here is a picture for God's ministers of to-day to contemplate. A little one in the midst of the modern day congregation, with its innocent prattle, is too often frowned upon, and instead of furnishing a text for the preacher makes him forget both his text and his sermon, and so disturbs his peace of mind as to unfit him for the delivering of God's message. A little child in the midst of them is nearly always the setting which Scripture gives to the audience to whom Christ preached. The artist in painting the scenes of Jesus' activity on the mountain side, or by the rippling waters of the blue Galilee, or in the villages where He healed and taught, has almost never failed to place the little ones there, and we find them very near to the Master's side. It is the way the Lord would have it. More little ones in the midst of the modern day congregations would bring more of the presence of Jesus into the assembly, and give greater hope for the future of the rising generation.

The Master's Selection of a Little Child.—If your child had been there that day would it have been he whom the Master would have called to His side, and of whom He could have said: "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." Or would He have seen so much of your own worldliness, and pride, and selfishness, and impatience, and fault-finding reflected in the child of your daily care, or perhaps neglect, that He must needs turn from him to say to you: "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones, which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea?"

Oh, sad it is that soon is reflected in the innocent babe which God has given as a precious heritage the sins and petty vices of the misguided parents. From the day that that little bit of Heaven begins to draw its nourishment from the mother's breast and feel the touch of the father's hand it begins to learn, and is as sensitive to record the discordant note and angry mood as is the wax cylinder of the phonograph to catch the sound waves that set the delicate needle to vibrating. Sad it is that not every child of to-day would draw the attention of the Master as did the little one of the Scripture before us. Notice that Jesus selected him because of his quiet, sweet modesty, and held him up as an example of beautiful humility. You may polish your little one with society politeness and ballroom grace, you may tog him or her out in the latest finery, and help him to find pleasure in the amusement hall; and theater, and educate him to read the Sunday newspaper by giving him the funny inside, behind whose mask of alleged humor lies hidden the poison darts from the pit of hell, but be sure that your child will not be the one the Lord will select as a text from which to preach a wonder-

ful sermon on humility the type of true greatness.

The Little One Knew Jesus.—Perhaps Jesus had visited often in the home where lived the little one of our text. His little feet had been directed by the devout parents to the Master's side, and in his childish innocency he had drunk in the Saviour's words and felt the Divine impress on his tender, sensitive little heart. He was not too young to love mamma and papa. He was not too young to love this, the Dearest Friend Who had ever come into their happy home. Two reasons why the little ones in the home do not truly know and love Jesus: No room is made in the home for Jesus, and the parents do not devoutly and faithfully direct the little feet to His side. The Bible may be on the shelf or even in our hands for the few minutes of perfunctory reading; the stereotyped prayer may fall from our moving lips while the heart is buried in the affairs of this world, but Jesus is not there. He only comes where room is made for Him. Will you not make room for Him so that the little ones may come to know Him, too? On the walls of the home I love best hangs this motto: "Christ Is the Head of This House, The Unseen Guest at Every Meal, The Silent Listener to Every Conversation."

And knowing the blessedness of His presence since we made room for Him and receive from Him a daily portion before beginning the duties of the day, we would rather part with any treasure than miss the blessing He alone can give. Make room for Jesus in the home and then daily lead the little ones to Him, where His benediction and blessing may rest upon them. Talk with them about Jesus, and chords will be set to vibrating in their lives which will never cease throughout eternity. Begin the day with Jesus, and often it will close with the eager plea as the tired little head rests upon its pillow: "Mamma, tell me that story about Jesus again." And as the drooping eyelids and gentle breathing sweetly announce that slumberland has been reached we finish our story of Jesus and leave the little one in His arms to rest.

Lessons from the Little One.—Up into the face of the Master the little one gazes in loving wonder, little realizing he has been lifted to the pinnacle of greatness in the Kingdom of Heaven. True greatness never realizes its greatness. The essence of true greatness in the Kingdom of Heaven is childlike humility, which sees only the Lord and accords Him first place and loving service. One of the distressing hindrances to the work of the Lord to-day is the same spirit which was displayed in the discussion of these disciples as they journeyed by the way, and which we are now so ready to condemn and wonder at. There is to-day the same seeking of the chief seats at the feast which was so sharply rebuked by the Lord upon one occasion. Plenty of self-appointed leaders; too many willing to be generals and too few ready to serve as the unknown private. Let this little one teach you the lesson of true greatness in the Master's service.

But first of all note the development of our Saviour's sermon, as recorded by Matthew, in the eighteenth chapter of his Gospel. Having set the child in their midst, Jesus goes on to say: "Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." Not a question after all of position in the Kingdom, but the vitally important one of first getting into that Kingdom. These words of Jesus are addressed, not to strangers to Him, but to the disciples who have left all and followed Him.

"Peter, I have called you from your fishing nets to make of you a fisher of men. You have heard and obeyed my first call, but the fact that you are concerned about yourself and are seeking the chief seat in the Kingdom is evidence that you as yet do not really belong to my Kingdom. Except ye be converted and become as little children ye cannot enter into my Kingdom." There stands Peter, with the rest of the self-seeking disciples, and as he turns his eyes on the little one sitting on Jesus' knee and sees with what absorbed interest he presses close to the Saviour's breast in loving confidence, he begins to see himself as Jesus sees him, and to understand the import of His solemn words. Peter the self-seeker does not belong to the Lord. Peter, absorbed in his argument to prove his right to the chief place in the Kingdom, is in danger of losing a place in it altogether.

Take Heed.—Jesus has led step by step from the little one in their midst into His Kingdom, and now He is ready to give them a glimpse into a beautiful mystery of that Kingdom, and He prefaces it by a solemn, "Take heed." "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven." When Jesus says "Take heed," there is a solemn import in His words. And with the eternal interests of one of His precious little ones in the balance, there is no mistaking the intensity of His meaning. Two striking conditions mark the attitude of the present age towards childhood. Never was so much thought and effort put forth in behalf of the little ones, and never before were little ones so unwelcome in the home. Never before were children so little home-trained and so over-trained outside the home as to-day. Parents are content to relegate the secular and religious training of their children to those outside the home, who are not directly interested in them, and the mother's knee and the mother's Bible, the little home task and the patient training of the children into industrious habits are fast becoming only memories of the past.

Never before was there so much need of raising our voices against these blighting tendencies, and earnestly and solemnly repeating the words of our Lord: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones."

Childless Homes.—The thunder tones of God's wrath sounds forth in the words, "Take heed," when the despising of these little ones makes them unwelcome guests in the home. It is no longer fashionable to rear large families, or even any families at all. How often the newly-wedded pair, with set purpose born of hell, deliberately determine that no baby voice shall make music in their home, nor baby hand rest softly on the mother's breast! Selfishness and scientific nonsense of the day can dictate a longer list of reasons why the children are not wanted than we have space to enumerate here. But against every reason which the selfish heart can conjure up, these words of Jesus stand out like letters of fire: "Take heed, that ye despise not one of these little ones!" The presence of children in the Jewish home was a manifest evidence of the blessing of God, and the cry of the childless wife was, give me children or I die. Hannah, in the temple, so overcome by the anguish of her loneliness as to appear to Eli, the high priest, to be in a maudlin condition from too much wine, made one request of the Lord, that she might have children, and God gave her the desire of her heart. David sings: "Lo! children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

Responsibility of Parenthood.—Through the open window comes the pleading, persistent notes of a mother sparrow as she seeks by the tempting morsel in her beak to draw her little one away from the nest and get him to try his wings and obtain strength and skill to sail the blue heavens and successfully win a livelihood for himself. I notice she does not commit this important task to some one else, nor does she leave the little one for club appointment, or social function, or even the sewing circle, until her task is accomplished and her birdling can safely fly alone. The heartbreaking cry of the mother: "Where is my wandering boy to-night," would not so often be wrung from the quivering lips if, when the boy was first learning to try his strength and was forming habits, his mother had been at the side to guide his feet and take the sting from the poisoned darts of the enemy of her boy's soul. The foul word, the unclean thought, the lustful habit, the lying tongue, the evil associate would not have usurped her place in his heart if her watchful eye had been faithful to detect the sowing of the first seed, and in one of mother's quiet little talks she had disarmed the power of the enemy and made her boy strong against temptation. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones." To turn your child upon the street, to neglect him for responsibilities in society, in charitable work, in church activities, is to despise these little ones, and perhaps forever turn their feet away from the Lord. I do not know how it is in your community, your city, but in the locality where I live many children live upon the street and go home to eat and, when the hour grows late, to sleep. And on the crime and nastiness which these little ones learn between the hours of dusk and bedtime. From one end of this land to the other we need the ringing of the curfew bell, but most of all we need an awakened parenthood which will not so despise these little ones as to feel that they are a nuisance when they are around and be glad when they are away out of sight. Oh, the possibility which lies in that little life which God has committed to your hands and which it is your solemn duty to patiently and lovingly develop. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones."

Angels as Ministering Spirits.—It is a beautiful thought, and one fully warranted by the words of our text, to know that God's angels have special care for the little ones, "for I say unto you that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven." It is as natural for the little one to unfold its mind to the thoughts of a loving Saviour and Heavenly Father as it is for the bright-faced flower to turn towards the warming rays of the sun or the lark to mount up into the heavens with his cheery song. What sweet and wonderful secrets the angels of God can whisper in the tender little hearts, if only the worldliness and unbelief of the parents are not allowed to first plant their blighting seeds of death there. The little lost lambkin out on the mountain side is of more concern than the ninety-and-nine sheep safe in the fold. "Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish." When the tiny bit of humanity comes into the world an angel hovers over the little life and watches it develop. Heaven is very near and the forces of the unseen world are ready to cooperate with the parents in drawing that little one towards God. But if the atmosphere of the home is laden with the things of this world and the Lord has no place there how can the little one's spiritual side grow towards God? It is blighted like the tender plant which is put in the cold, damp, dark cellar. God does all He can to draw the hearts of men towards Him. He starts the babes in life with a ministering angel. What more can he do? "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you that their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven."

COOK CEREALS DRY.

New Process Discovered by Dr. Anderson of Columbia University.

Indigestibility of Grains and Starchy Foods of All Kinds Greatly Increased When Prepared by a Dry Heat.

An important discovery in economic botany, which, it is believed, will have a far-reaching application to human food, was first formally announced at one of the conferences of heads of departments which are held weekly in the Museum building of the New York Botanical garden. The discovery may be described as a dry process of cooking cereal grains and starchy products. The food is cooked in a saturated atmosphere.

The author of the discovery is Dr. Alexander P. Anderson, now curator of the herbarium at Columbia university. In a paper in which he gave an account of his discovery Dr. Anderson said:

"All the cereals and nearly all the important foods derived from plants contain large quantities of starch. The chief value of the cereals lies in the starch which they contain."

"To prepare starches for human food it is essential that the granules should be broken up in order to be more easily acted upon by the different digestive enzymes. The salivary enzymes are especially active in converting starch into sugar, but raw starch, in which the granules are intact, is slowly acted upon."

"On the other hand, when the starch granules are previously broken up by heating in water, the enzymatic action is almost instantaneous, and the starch is converted into sugar, in which form it is soluble and easily assimilated."

"It is a well-known fact that starches do not swell to any extent when heated dry or in contact with a relatively small amount of water, as in the ordinary bread baking process."

"In the course of my experiments I have discovered a method by means of which starch granules of all kinds can be expanded and broken up without the use of water from the outside, which is customary in the conversion of starches into pastes in the ordinary cooking processes with water."

"Instead of adding water, I am able to effect the complete swelling of the starch granule by means of dry heat. This I do by subjecting the starch granule, grain or starchy mass to a rapid heat in a saturated atmosphere."

"At the end of the process I find the starch granules broken up into an innumerable number of particles or fragments. The resulting products after the expansion are drier than before."

"I find that I can in this way swell or expand any starchy product, and especially the cereal grains. When the grains are swelled the resulting products are from four to sixteen times greater in volume than the original kernel. The expanded kernels are only enlarged, otherwise exact copies of the original."

"The only difference between starch paste or starchy food products prepared by the ordinary method of boiling or cooking with water and the dry method of expanding them is that the resulting products expanded when dry can be kept indefinitely in their dry condition, while the products prepared with water easily spoil and ferment."

THE MARKETS.

Cincinnati, June 9.		
CATTLE—Common	3 50	@ 5 15
Heavy steers	6 10	@ 6 60
CALVES—Extra	6 25	@ 6 50
HOGS—Ch. packers	6 95	@ 7 20
Mixed packers	6 65	@ 6 90
LAMBS—Spring	7 15	@ 7 25
FLOUR—Spring pat.	3 90	@ 4 15
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 82
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 44 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.		@ 44 1/2
RYE—No. 2		@ 58
HAY—Ch. timothy	13 00	@ 13 20
PORK—Clear cut		@ 19 00
LARD—Steam		@ 10 12 1/2
BUTTER—Ch. dairy		@ 16 1/2
Choice creamery		@ 24
APPLES—Fancy	4 50	@ 5 00
POTATOES—Per bu.		@ 70
New—Per bu.	2 75	@ 3 25
TOBACCO—New	2 95	@ 10 75
Old	7 00	@ 15 75
Chicago.		
FLOUR—Win. patent	3 85	@ 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	79	@ 80
No. 3 red	77 1/2	@ 79 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	63	@ 63 1/4
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	43 1/2	@ 44
RYE—No. 2	58 1/2	@ 59
PORK—Mess	17 45	@ 17 50
LARD—Steam	10 22 1/2	@ 10 25
New York.		
FLOUR—Win. patent	4 00	@ 4 20
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 78 1/4
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	67 1/2	@ 67 3/4
OATS—No. 2 mixed.		@ 40
RYE—Western		@ 65
PORK—Mess		@ 18 25
LARD—Steam		@ 10 60
Baltimore.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 80 3/4
Southern	78	@ 81
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	66	@ 66 1/4
OATS—No. 2 mixed.		@ 48
CATTLE—Butchers	5 60	@ 6 30
HOGS—Western		@ 7 50
Louisville.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 80
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 66
OATS—No. 2 mixed.		@ 45 1/2
PORK—Mess		@ 17 00
LARD—Steam		@ 10 12 1/2
Indianapolis.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 79
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 63 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	42 1/2	@ 43

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